

REMARKS

Restriction Requirement

Applicants herein acknowledge the restriction requirement in the above-referenced application. Claims 1 through 13 are currently pending in the application. The Office has identified the following groups of claims as being drawn to separate inventions:

Group I – claims 1-12, drawn to a mobile golf green, classified in class 473, subclass 192; and

Group II – claim 13, drawn to a method of transporting a golf green, classified in class 473, subclass 192.

Applicants hereby provisionally elects the claims of Group 1, claims 1-12, with traverse.

The Examiner asserts that the apparatuses of claims 1-12 can be used to practice another and materially different process. In particular, the Examiner asserts that the apparatus may be used as a mobile golf green at a facility and not on a road. Applicant respectfully asserts that restriction is not proper since the inventions are closely related, both inventions are classified in class 473, subclass 192, and the prior art searches for each invention would be commensurate in scope.

Election of Species Requirement

Five species of invention have also been identified:

Species 1: The Fig. 1 embodiment;

Species 2: The Fig. 4 embodiment;

Species 3: The Fig. 5 embodiment;

Species 4: The Fig. 6 embodiment; and

Species 5: The Fig. 9 embodiment.

It was asserted by the Examiner in the Election of Species Requirement that claims 1, 4, and 10 are generic.

An election is hereby made, without traverse, to prosecute the invention of Species 1.

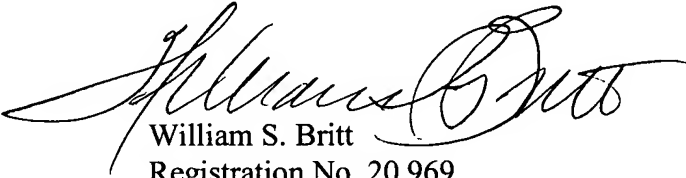
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It is respectfully submitted that in addition to claims 1, 4, and 10, claims 2, 3, and 5 also read on the invention of Species 1. Applicant additionally submits that should the Examiner withdraw the restriction requirement, claim 13 is generic to all species. Furthermore, it is submitted that claim 2 is generic to all species except Species 5, and that claim 3 is generic to all species except Species 4 and Species 5.

CONCLUSION

Applicant has provisionally elected the claims of Group 1, claims 1-12, with traverse. Applicant has elected for prosecution, without traverse, Species 1 of the invention, which is illustrated in FIGS. 1-3. Applicant respectfully solicits examination on the merits of claims 1-5, and 10, which read on Species 1. If the Examiner should withdraw the restriction requirement, the Applicant additionally solicits examination of claim 13. Should the Office have any questions after consideration of the foregoing, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact applicants' attorney at the address or telephone number given herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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